



BOARD OF VISITORS

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Board Chairman

Executive Committee
VSDB Board of Visitors
Minutes
December 8, 2010

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors for the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind met on December 8, 2010

Members present: Chair Emmett Hanger, Vice Chair Dickie Bell, Secretary Virgil Cook, Alice Frick, Donna Gateley

Superintendent Evaluation Process--The committee considered the criteria for evaluating the superintendent. The evaluation period runs from October 25 through October 24 of the following year. Concerning Number 18 of the core responsibilities, Donna Gateley suggested referencing Items to corresponding sections of the bylaws. She moved adopting the guidelines with the suggested changes. The motion passed.

Decision Documents

Master Site Plan—Virgil Cook moved that the committee recommend to the board that we accept the recommendation to Raze Darden Hall and to leave Price Hall. The motion passed.

Decision Package

Funding of the Parent-Infant Program—Senator Hanger expressed his concern that asking for funding during a tight-budget period when we had asked for the program without funding would be inappropriate.

VITA Rates—Janice Rankin reported that the school is paying over \$500,000 a year for VITA services. Our grant has been dropped to \$230,000. The committee felt that given the very specialized nature of the school's technology needs, we should seek withdrawal from VITA control. Virgil Cook moved that we seek approval to withdraw from VITA. The motion passed.

Operation of New Buildings—Janice Rankin reported that the allotment for FY2011 is \$50,000. The request is for \$55,000 for FY2012. This will be an ongoing cost as new buildings come on line. If Planning and Budget does not provide the Funds, Senator Hanger is willing to sponsor a bill.

Public Safety—The request is for \$156,984 to fund three positions.

Furniture for New Buildings—The request is for \$865,000. A motion to support the request passed.

Using State Payroll Services—Dr. Armstrong reported that Payroll hired someone especially for VSDB at \$56,000 per year. We have personnel to take care of this problem. There is no saving. Donna Gateley moved that we request the withdrawal from Payroll in favor of in-house management. The Motion passed.

Agenda for the December 16 Meeting—Senator Hanger presented the proposed agenda for the December 16 meeting. Virgil Cook moved approval. The motion passed.